(v) doing away with revisionary powers of High Courts.

Pak creating trouble in J & K

1741. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the statement by Dr. Farooq Abdullah to the effect that Pakistan is creating trouble in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether he further stated that several J & K Government officials are on the pay-roll of the Pakistan Government;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to investigate into the matter and take action against the officials found guilty of the charge?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The Government are aware that the 'Kashmir Times', Jammu in its publication of June 24, 1987 brought out a report attributing a statement to the Chief Minister, Jammu & Kashmir alluding that Pakistan was doing everything possible to disturb the peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) to (d) Attention of the Government has also been drawn to the news item in 'Kashmir Times' dated 26th June under the caption 'Farooq denies Nayar's interview'. According to the newsitem the Chief Minister had reportedly stated that the possibility of some Government employees receiving payment from across the border could not be ruled out. The action is primarily the concern of the State Government.

Non-issuance of passport by the Government of South Africa to anti-apartheid Indian leader to go abroad

1742. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a top anti-apartheid Indian leader in South Africa and a grand-son-in-law of Mahatma Gandhi, Mr. M. Ram Govin has been refused a passport by the South African Government to visit USA and Britain;

(b) whether the matter has taken up by the Government of India on diplomatic level with the Governments of UK and USA; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Government have seen reports that Mr. M. Ram Govin, the grandson-in-law of Mahatma Gandhi has been refused a passport for travel abroad by the South African Government.

(b) and (c) Government have not felt that the Governments of the UK and the USA are likely to be able to intervene effectively in this matter which is being agitated by some international anti-apartheid organisations.

Closure of DCM Mills

1743. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a move by the management of the DCM Mills at Bara Hindurao in Delhi to close down the Mills and to construct a multistoreyed building there; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to prevent the closure of the Mills and protect the interests of the workers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The management of the Delhi Cloth Mills, Delhi has a proposal to redevelop their present premises for flatted factories and residential apartments.

(b) The management of the Delhi Cloth Mills had applied to the Lt. Governor of Delhi seeking permission for closure under Section 25(U) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 which was refused.

The re-development scheme submitted by the Delhi Cloth Mills management was found to be feasible by the Delhi Development Authority in 1983. However, in 1986 the Authority re-considered the whole matter and revoked its earlier decision. This decision was challenged in the Delhi High Court by the DCM management which has revoked the 1986 decision of the Authority and the earlier resolution has been restored. The Delhi Development Authority is filing a Special Leave Petition in the Supreme Court of India against the judgement of the Delhi High Court.

Development Board in Maharashtra

1744. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government had recommended to the Central Government for the constitution of a Development Board each for Vidarbha, Marathwada and rest of Maharashtra through a Presidential Order under Article 371(2) of the Constiution; and

(b) if so, what is the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The Maharashtra State Legislature had passed a resolution in 1984 urging the establishment of Development Boards for Vidarbha, Marathwada and the rest of Maharashtra.

(b) The matter is under consideration in consultation with the Government of Maharashtra.

Exploitation of Indian workers going to Saudi Arabia and Gulf countries for employment

1745. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the exploitation and miseries of the Indian workers who go to Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries for employment; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government to check the activities of the unscrupulous contractors who exploit these poor workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some such cases have come to the notice of Government. As per the provisions of Emigration Act, 1983 exploitation of emigrants workers is a cognizable offence. On receipt of complaints, enquiries are conducted & suitable departmental/legal action is taken against the unscrupulous agents. So far recruiting certificates of 9 recruiting agencies have been cancelled and suspended in respect of 25. Wide publicity through Radio spots, Television quickies is being given by the Government to alert the intending emigrants so as to prevent their exploitation.

Development of tourist sports in Andhra Pradesh

1746. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have prepared any scheme for the development of tourist spots in Andhra Pradesh; and